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**Subject:** I support Microsoft settlement

Please see my attached memo. THx.JSG

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January 24, 2002

Attorney General John Ashcroft  
US Department of Justice  
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20530

Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I am writing to you to express my support for the settlement of the anti-trust lawsuit against Microsoft. The agreement that has been reached will not only help the economy, but it will ensure that in the future, anticompetitive corporate action will not be tolerated. Microsoft has not been let off lightly and the government has proven its point.

The biggest provision of the settlement is the fact that Microsoft will not attack other computer manufacturers who produce rival products. This will definitely open up the market to fair competition without fear of reprisal. I support Microsoft's position and also think that it is necessary for small business to flourish in partnership with larger companies. This settlement allows this to happen.

Three years is long enough for a case to continue. Microsoft has agreed to this settlement and now it is time for the government to respond in kind. Anticompetitive laws have benefited greatly from the result of this case and so have all sides concerned. Let Microsoft continue to develop software that benefits us all without the threat of further litigation hanging over the company. I urge you to accept this settlement. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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